

Newsletter Friday 18th September 2020



Return of Hot Meals

From next week we are trialling hot meals for all year groups. If you would like to book a hot meal for your child/ren please book via your Scopay account. Please remember to use the calendar on Scopay to select the days you would like. If your child/ren are entitled to Free School Meals you can either book a meal via Scopay or ring Mrs Rogan in the school office and she will add them on to the register. The cost of school meals is £2.25 per day and £11.25 for the week. Please remember to book by each Sunday evening for Monday.

Could You Be Entitled To Free School Meals?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income support
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you would like to apply for Free School Meals please contact the school office via the following email address parent@bjs.rbksch.org . All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Managing staff absence in school.

We may be facing some significant challenges in the next few weeks. The demand for testing will place a significant pressure on most businesses and workplaces, but particularly schools where coughs and colds are common at this point of the year. The guidance for symptoms remains the same: a persistent cough, a temperature or a loss of taste or smell. Anyone with these symptoms should isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms. Unfortunately with tests not readily available, this could mean many more families and school staff will now have to do this.

We currently have staff absent from school because a member of their family has symptoms and they are either trying to book a test or waiting for the results, which are taking a long time to be returned. Until the result comes back negative they need to stay at home and isolate. Therefore please be aware there may be a different teacher in your child's classroom for several days at a time. We are doing everything we can to keep all the classes open and the children in school, but the lack of available tests is making this difficult for everyone.

Thank you for wearing a mask or face shield on site to protect yourself and others.

Current Year 6 - Secondary Schools

Achieving for Children have asked us to emphasise to parents of current Year 6 pupils that secondary schools are more likely to hold open events and tours virtually, rather than on site tours. It is advisable to look at each school's website for updated information regarding their dates and events.



Year 4 P.E.

Starting from Monday 21st September we are asking Year 4 to come to school dressed in their P.E. kits on the days they have P.E. lessons. The rest of the time they need to be in school uniform please.

As the weather is unpredictable at the moment, please make sure they wear jogging bottoms and a warm sweatshirt to and from school. Below are the days each class has P.E.

Carver- Mr Torres

Wednesday – Outdoor P.E.

Friday – Indoor P.E.

Tesla- Miss Bond

Tuesday – Indoor P.E.

Friday – Outdoor P.E.

Turing- Mr Panesar

Monday – Outdoor P.E.

Wednesday – Indoor P.E.

Goodall- Miss Gava

Tuesday – Outdoor P.E.

Thursday – Indoor P.E.



Residential Trips 2021 Year 4 and 6

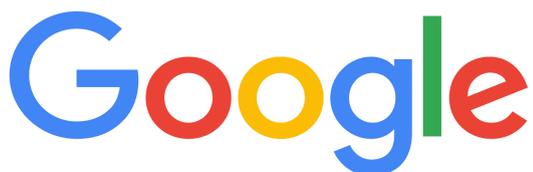
As you may be aware, at this time of year we would usually be providing information regarding our residential trips for your children in the summer. We would normally inform you regarding the dates and cost.

Due to Covid-19 we are not going to start collecting money for our trips as we do not know whether they will go ahead. As soon as we receive Government guidance that we can book residential trips, we will let you know. You may wish to put money aside for the trips should they go ahead. The approximate costs are as follows: Sayers Croft - Year 4 £325.00 and PGL Marchant's Hill - Year 6 £470.00.



Contact telephone numbers

Please make sure the school office has more than one contact telephone number for your child/ren. If they are unwell at school we will call and ask for you to collect them immediately. It may be useful for all parents/contacts to save the school number into their phones so you can see it is us calling you. Our number is 0208 942 2687.



Google Classroom

Homework will now be uploaded on your child's Google Classroom account. Homework will now not be published on the school website. The children have all been spoken to regarding homework on Google Classroom so please check there every Friday.

Have a lovely safe weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Pip Utting